Ammonia Plant in Kerala

6671. SHRI. KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have given any assurance to the Government of Kerala to shift the present Ammonia Plant from its present location at Cochin and set up a new Ammonia Plant in Udyogamandal, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of ammonia proposed to be produced therefrom every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) However , Fertilizer And Chemicals Travancore Ltd. has submitted a proposal to set up a 900 TPD Ammonia Plant at Udyogamandal, Cochin. The annual production of Ammonia will be 2.97 lakh tones. When the project is implemented, there will be no further necessity for FACT to import ammonia and consequently the ammonia unloading and storage installation at Cochin Port can be de-commissioned.

Demands of Drug Manufacturers

6672. SHRI. S.B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Drug Manufacturers Associations (IDMA) and Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) have demanded that drug industry in the country should be deregulated and price control on all drugs should be abolished;

(b) if so, what are the other suggestions made by IDMA and OPPI; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) & (b) Sir, Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association (IDMA) and Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) have asked for discontinuation of productive price control and to allow market forces and competition to play their role in determining reasonable price levels. They have further suggested that if this is not possible exclusion criteria based solely on competition be adopted and for drugs that would still remain under price control automatic price correction formula be introduced.

(c) The Drug Policy is presently under review in all its aspects including the price control mechanism.

[*Translation*]

People below Poverty Line in Orissa

6673. SHRI. GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the people living below poverty line in Orissa, as per the latest survey;

(b) the various schemes under implementation to bring these people above the poverty line;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to implement some more schemes in Orissa in view of its backwardness; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI. H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The number of people living below the poverty line in rural and urban areas of Orissa State, as per 1987-88 NSSO Survey, is estimated to be 124.2 lakhs and 10.9 lakhs respectively.

(b) Four Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector schemes and one State Sector Scheme for alleviation of poverty in Orissa State are being implemented.

These are :-

Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes

(i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which provides self employment in rural areas.

(ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) which provides wage employment in rural areas.

(iii) Self Employment Programme for Urban poor (Central Sector)

(iv) Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) which provides self and wage employment in urban areas.

State Sector Schemes

Economic rehabilitation of Rural poor (ERRP)

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Processes by Central Drug Research Institute

6674. SHRI. MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Drug Research Institute, has released fifty processes to industry of which only nine are reported to be under commercial production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether high value equipments were lying idle in the Regional Sophisticated Instruments Centre and National Information Centre for Drug and Pharmaceuticals under the Centre Drug Research Institute;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures proposed by the Government to improve the functioning of the Central Drug research Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PERSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) . The details of processes released to industry and those reported in production are given in the attached Statements I & II respectively.

(c) and (d). Some high value equipment at Regional Sophisticated Instruments Centre (RSIC) were out of order for sometime due to non-availability of suppliers' service engineers and spare parts. National Information Centre for Drug and Pharmaceuticals (NICDAP) has a computer system which has become obsolete and the manufacturer has discontinued production of such system and its spares.

(e) The programmes and activities of